

HARRY R. DEVRIES, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Central Trust Company, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

Questions by Mr. Newman.

Q. Where do you reside Mr. DeVries?

A. At Sykesville, Maryland.

Q. In what business are you engaged?

A. I am engaged in implement, hardware and household goods business.

Q. For how long?

A. Since 1915.

Q. Did you previously have any connection with the Sykesville National Bank?

A. Yes, ever since 1903 - 4 or 5, as director and since 1927 as President of the Sykesville Bank until it merged with the Central Trust and I was President of that branch of the Central Trust Company.

Q. Have you any knowledge, and if so what, of a transaction between the Sykesville National Bank and ^{Daniel H.} ~~David D.~~ Arrington and ^{Hattie M.} ~~Caroline~~ Arrington?

A. Yes, I know all about the transaction.

Q. Just relate what you know of the circumstances.

A. I can't give the exact years, but for a long time Mr. Arrington and Mrs. Arrington dealt at the bank. At different times they borrowed money and paid off part of it and I can't give the year, but it was somewhere around 1925 or 26 that they bought a property in Baltimore and their loan was increased at that time so they could make the down payment on the home in Baltimore. The loan run along and increased from time to time until it reached the point where we thought we had loaned money enough without being secured in some way and they were asked to give us a confessed judgment note that we could have put on record or a mortgage, and they agreed to give us a judgment note, knowing that it was to be put on record to secure the bank.

Q. Can you state what note that was that they gave you?

A. This Fifty-three Hundred Dollar note, dated April 18, 1929. At the time that was given, it was made up of three or four notes all put in one loan and a judgment note taken for the full amount.

Q. Will you state whether or not you at any time had any knowledge as to any mental tought and deficiency of Mrs. Arrington?